

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 4**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 66 fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Eastern Great Basin and Southwest Areas. Three large fires were contained, two in the Northern California Area and one in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 8/29 for Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. Two Area Command Teams are assigned (Williams-Rhodes and Zimmerman). Williams-Rhodes' Team is providing Incident Management Team coordination for FEMA Region IV at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA. Zimmerman's Team is assigned to the Louisiana Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge, LA. The Team is coordinating activities of the Incident Management Teams in FEMA Region VI.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANE KATRINA SUPPORT, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Emergency Support Function 4 at the Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta, GA, and state Emergency Operations Centers in Raleigh, NC, Montgomery, AL, Jackson, MS and Baton Rouge, LA are staffed. Six Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Pincha-Tulley, Gelobter, Cable, Molumby, Anderson and Wilcock) are assigned. Pincha-Tulley's Team is operating a base camp and six points of distribution for relief supplies from Stennis Space Center in MS. Gelobter's Team is providing logistical support to FEMA Branches I and II from camps Gautier and Shriner at Gautier, MS, and Mobile, AL. Cable's Team continues to support nearly 8,000 emergency personnel at the French Quarter and several satellite camps in and around New Orleans and southern Louisiana. Molumby's Team is at Saints Support Base in New Orleans providing logistical and planning support to the FEMA IST, and supporting emergency response and military personnel. Anderson's Team is assigned to New Orleans, where it is supporting the New Orleans Fire Department. Wilcock's Team is at the Marietta Mobilization Center, Marietta, GA. An additional Type 1 Incident Management Team (Krugman) has been ordered.

Eleven Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Jenkins, Mullenix, Smith, Thomas, Philbin, Stanford, Paul, Whalen, Sinclear, Koehler and Furlong/Gormley) are assigned. Jenkins' Team is managing an evacuation center and base camp, providing services to military, state, local and federal agencies at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in Kenner, LA. Mullenix's Team is assisting with base camp operations and long term support at several facilities housing approximately 3,000 people in San Antonio, TX. Smith's Team is managing a base camp and supporting receiving and distribution operations at Camp Shelby, MS. Thomas' Team is managing a base camp and supporting the military and civilian first responders at the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Gulfport, MS. Philbin's Team is managing an evacuee center in Phoenix, AZ. Stanford's Texas State Incident Management Team is jointly managing the Hammond Receiving and Distribution Center and the Harahan Regional Staging Area with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry in Hammond and Reserve, LA. The Team is distributing relief supplies throughout eastern Louisiana. Paul's Team is managing the Louisiana

Interagency Emergency Support Base camp and St. Gabriel Mortuary Support Camp at St. Gabriel and Baton Rouge, LA. Two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Whalen and Sinclear) have cleared more than 830 miles of roadways, and are supporting National Forest recovery operations in Mississippi. Koehler's Florida State Incident Management Team is managing a logistical staging area at Stennis Space Center. The Team is training state personnel to take over management of the staging area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gormley) is assigned to Camp Beauregard, LA.

Four Logistics Management Teams (Prevey, Floyd, Hayes and Easterling) are assigned at the following locations: Prevey's Team, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL; Floyd's Team, Bossier City, LA; Hayes' Team, Texarkana, AR and Easterlings' Team, Baton Rouge, LA. The Teams are operating mobilization centers and trailer staging areas. Two National Park Service All Risk Teams have been assigned to various areas to assist with hurricane recovery. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service team is engaged in road clearing, community assistance, and supporting search and rescue work in LaCombe, LA.

HURRICANE OPHELIA SUPPORT, North Carolina State. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Houseman) is pre-positioned at Kinston, NC. The Team is assisting local Emergency Operations Centers and counties with requested resources.

G3-05-WF, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 24 miles east of Hackberry, LA in tall grass and peat. Hot spots in the peat below ground are hampering containment efforts.

WF-1100, McFadden National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 12 miles southwest of Port Arthur, TX. Smoke is impacting roadways. Burn out Operations are planned.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
G3-05-WF	LA	SBR	3,540	80	9/20	15	0	3	1	0	55K	FWS
WF-1100	TX	MCR	3,700	60	UNK	3	0	2	0	0	NR	FWS

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

PINON CANYON COMPLEX, Carson National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Whitney) has been ordered. This complex is 69 miles west of Taos, NM in timber. Residences are threatened. Evacuations are in progress. Extreme fire behavior with rapid rates of spread was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PINON CANYON COMPLEX	NM	CAF	1,200	0	9/23	148	4	15	4	0	UNK	FS

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

VALLEY ROAD, Sawtooth National Forest. This fire started on private land seven miles south and east of Stanley, ID in timber. Numerous spot fires were reported at the North end of the fire. Closure of portions of a recreational area remain in effect.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
VALLEY ROAD	ID	STF	40,868	85	9/27	120	2	1	2	3	NR	PRI
HOMESTEAD	ID	TFD	500	100	---	51	0	14	0	0	NR	PRI

TFD - Twins Falls District, Bureau of Land Management

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
FAR DRAW - WFU	CO	SJF	900	N/A	N/A	5	0	1	0	0	NR	FS

SJF - San Juan National Forest

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CLOVER	CA	LNU	771	100	---	371	22	10	3	3	1.5M	ST
LICHENS	CA	SKU	800	100	---	8	0	2	0	0	60K	ST

LNU - Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

SKU - Siskiyou Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: An upper level low pressure system off the central California coast will import moisture from the south for isolated showers and thunderstorms over southern California, Arizona and New Mexico today. A weak weather system over British Columbia will bring a chance of light showers to northwest Washington. Windy conditions will develop this afternoon over Montana and Wyoming. Along the Gulf Coast, dry conditions will prevail under a large upper level high pressure system.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mountains: 65 to 80. Valleys: 80 to 90. Upper deserts: 80 to 90. Lower deserts: 95 to 105.	15 to 30%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
Rocky Mountain Dry.	Mid 70s to lower 80s with 60s in the mountains.	Relative humidity values from 10% to 20% in Wyoming and Colorado, with 25% to 40% in the eastern plains.	West 10 to 22 mph in Wyoming and Colorado, and north to northwest 10 to 20 mph in the eastern plains.
Western Great Basin Partly to mostly sunny.	North valleys: 72 to 88. South valleys: 83 to 99. Mountains: 64 to 84.	North valleys: 9 to 20%. South valleys: 7 to 14%. Mountains: 10 to 25%.	South to southeast at 5 to 15 mph.
Eastern Great Basin Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny. Northern Utah: Mostly sunny. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Mostly sunny, partly cloudy in the afternoon.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 58 to 68. Valleys: 68 to 82. Northern Utah: Mountains: 65 to 77. Valleys: 71 to 84. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Mountains: 66 to 75. Valleys: 80 to 99.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 20 to 30%. Valleys: 16 to 27%. Northern Utah: Mountains: 14 to 25%. Valleys: 10 to 24%. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: Mountains: 10 to 21%. Valleys: 6 to 16%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: South/southwest up to 10 mph. Northern Utah: South/southwest 10 to 20 mph. Southern Utah, Arizona strip: South/southwest 10 to 20, up to 25 mph in the lowest deserts.



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BACKFIRING OR BURNOUT OPERATIONS

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
 - Lookouts are posted.
 - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
 - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1				4	5
	ACRES		0				0	0
Northern California	FIRES	1				13	3	17
	ACRES	0				1,333	0	1,333
Southern California	FIRES		1			11	5	17
	ACRES		1			0	63	64
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2	3	5
	ACRES					33	0	33
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	4	5
	ACRES					500	1	501
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			2	1	4
	ACRES		21			0	0	21
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1	1	4	6
	ACRES				5	0	1	6
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			0		6	1	7
	ACRES			3,400		97	1	3,498
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	0	1	36	25	66
	ACRES	0	22	3,400	5	1,963	66	5,456

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	96	59	16	405	28	608
	ACRES	4	1,850,279	1,637,158	3,409	847,179	337	4,338,366
Northwest	FIRES	168	225	29	35	1,242	823	2,522
	ACRES	28,026	41,413	5,797	121	71,476	99,716	246,549
Northern California	FIRES	135	30	10	15	1,736	408	2,334
	ACRES	215	24,896	14	101	25,383	5,393	56,002
Southern California	FIRES	42	113	13	47	2,202	576	2,993
	ACRES	972	5,925	136	73,815	32,456	8,894	122,198
Northern Rockies	FIRES	481	53	31	12	616	609	1,802
	ACRES	20,224	7,542	9,793	25	37,641	54,547	129,772
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	50	677	12	29	647	524	1,939
	ACRES	27,501	619,193	8	2,828	144,331	103,830	897,691
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	484	19	26	97	111	744
	ACRES	30	878,064	13,312	258	112,217	8,853	1,012,734
Southwest	FIRES	1,519	345	39	52	1,295	1,475	4,725
	ACRES	34,202	158,783	9,639	364	129,763	416,389	749,140
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	281	462	30	22	536	483	1,814
	ACRES	6,870	8,658	553	30	25,556	22,949	64,616
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		36	50	10,060	541	11,282
	ACRES	7,114		1,732	953	67,135	8,236	85,170
Southern Area	FIRES	213		179	37	17,758	509	18,696
	ACRES	26,883		38,364	2,474	233,516	13,140	314,377
TOTAL	FIRES	3,495	2,485	457	341	36,594	6,087	49,459
	ACRES	152,041	3,594,753	1,716,506	84,378	1,726,653	742,284	8,016,615

Ten Year Average Fires	66,766
Ten Year Average Acres	4,456,552

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1		0	1
	ACRES				2,661		172	2,833
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	2,661	0	172	2,833

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	18	100	82	3		212	415
	ACRES	5,651	22,334	3,981	265		17,986	50,217
Northern California	FIRES	12	21	140	25		169	367
	ACRES	188	1,101	25,025	2,720		18,439	47,473
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	5	17		79	107
	ACRES	1,000	282	408	3,366		6,819	11,875
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	28	99	3	31	256	426
	ACRES	495	3,244	22,053	22	2,131	34,671	62,616
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	5	3	11	45	88
	ACRES	1	8,852	1,459	31	163	12,319	22,825
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12	10			2	24
	ACRES		6,367	2,711			2,903	11,981
Southwest	FIRES	8	47	2	12		261	330
	ACRES	6,342	51,790	3,210	17,697		66,765	145,804
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	48	102	17	23	109	329
	ACRES	3,871	15,959	20,519	10,348	4,526	33,603	88,826
Eastern Area	FIRES	41		472	36	1,098	145	1,792
	ACRES	17,625		68,381	4,423	69,501	35,835	195,765
Southern Area	FIRES	34		157	58	404	1,113	1,766
	ACRES	7,180		83,558	54,868	270,630	900,468	1,316,704
TOTAL	FIRES	154	284	1,074	174	1,571	2,391	5,648
	ACRES	42,353	109,929	231,305	93,740	347,577	1,129,808	1,954,712

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2	13			15
	ACRES			27,225	141,624			168,849
Northwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				2		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIRES				2		5	7
	ACRES				1		1	2
Southern California	FIRES				12		14	26
	ACRES				8,690		2,259	10,949
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		77	87
	ACRES				55		63,035	63,090
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				3		90	93
	ACRES				166		76,942	77,108
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8		1			9
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	35	39
	ACRES	3,680			9,308	5	105,868	118,861
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		34		5	2	9	50
	ACRES		2,581		1	1,762	2,819	7,163
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						5	5
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIRES	1	42	2	62	3	233	343
	ACRES	3,680	2,582	27,225	163,628	1,767	287,679	486,561

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES LAST WEEK	HECTARES LAST WEEK	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	12	0	918	34,882
Yukon Territory	0	0	82	187,438
Alberta	14	1	1,262	60,508
Northwest Territory	0	21,105	259	224,095
Saskatchewan	0	0	320	213,523
Manitoba	0	0	245	72,680
Ontario	102	62	1,827	42,274
Quebec	61	1,585	1,332	833,266
Newfoundland	5	0	144	21,429
New Brunswick	14	2	303	284
Nova Scotia	4	2	275	506
Prince Edward Island	0	0	10	42
National Parks	2	7	90	36,333
Total	214	22,764	7,067	1,727,260

*****Weekly reports will be provided starting 9/7/05.*****

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1		3		2		1			2
Northern California	3	22	7	12		3	4		2	65
Southern California	3				1		3			
Northern Rockies				3	2		1		32	
Eastern Great Basin	2		25	3	5		3		44	3
Western Great Basin		1								
Southwest	4			15	4		1		56	15
Rocky Mountain	1		4	1	1		1		6	7
Eastern Area									7	
Southern Area			5			1	2		3	1
Total	14	23	44	34	15	4	16	0	150	93

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